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General Council Delegates

In meetings of the three Associations and in Conference Business Session, the following were elected delegates to the General Council sessions to be held in Boston, June 24-30.

Rev. John Abel, K. C. First Pilgrim
Mrs. E. L. Ferguson, Independence
Rev. W. Dieter Flemming, Prairie Vil.
Mrs. Roscoe Graves, Emporia First
Mr. A. C. Hale, McPherson
Rev. Robert J. Herman, Wichita Plymouth
Miss Alice Huggins, Topeka Central
Mr. Gordon Jones, Wichita Fairmount
Rev. Ray C. Jones, Topeka First
Mrs. F. C. Lanning, Manhattan
Rev. Millard Marshall, Onaga
Rev. O. T. Meador, Stockton
Rev. Joseph Morgan, Eureka
Miss Eleanor Patterson, Osborne
Mr. Alvin Pearson, Wichita Fairmount
Mr. Orval Reeves, K. C. Welborn
Mrs. L. M. Rymph, Topeka First
Rev. T. Merton Rymph, Wichita Pilg.
Mr. Eugene Smith, Wichita Plymouth
Mr. George Baxter Smith, Lawrence
Rev. Noah Unruh, Ford
Rev. Malcolm White, Kinsley

Sup't. Rymph is a voting delegate by virtue of his office.

Former Kansas Minister

The Rev. Mr. Ludwig Thomsen who served the Osborne Congregational Church from 1922 to 1934, died at Oberlin, Ohio on March 30th. Dr. Joseph King, Jr., conducted the Memorial Service in Oberlin April 1st.

Coming Events

May 25-June 21 - WaShun-Ga Camps:

May 25-31 - Junior Hi Camp for all next years 7th, 8th and 9th graders who are out of school.

June 1-7 - Senior Camp
June 8-14 - Senior Camp
June 15-21 - Junior Hi Camp

June 3-5 - Women's Retreat at McPherson College.

June 2-20 - Pilgrim Circuit Rider, Miss Leila Anderson, in Kansas.

June 20-26 - Joint Youth Council at Union Seminary, N. Y. City.

June 24-30 - General Council in Boston.

July 2-10 - International Congregational Council at Hartford.

July 27-August 2 - Kansas Family Camp at Estes Park, Colorado.

August 10-16 - La Foret Conference for Laymen and Laywomen.

August 24-30 - La Foret Christian Education Workshop.

August 26-29 - Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference at Doane College.

September 8 - Meeting of the Conference Board of Trustees in Topeka.

September 8-25 - Fall Planning Meetings' Boards and Committees

October 5 & 6 - Western Association Meeting at Ellis. (Please note that this meeting is one week earlier than announced in April to avoid a conflict with Midwest Regional).

October 7 - Southern Association, Towanda.

October 14-16 - Midwest Regional Meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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"No Other Hands"

Ray Carlton Jones, Conference Moderator

Annie Johson Flint has written a verse of poetry which I should like to have us adopt as our theme during the coming year.

"Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side."

Christ is depending on us, on us Congregationalists here in Kansas. His message will live only as we take it seriously in our own hearts and minds. His faith will become a reality in all parts of America and the world, only as we become good stewards of our resources and generously support the benevolence and mission programs of our churches. His spirit of love and compassion will touch the lives of the suffering and the downtrodden of our world only as it is mediated through us. His church will be a bulwark of strength and a force for righteousness only as we members make it so with our convictions, our words and our deeds.

The year ahead challenges us. The biennial emphasis on higher education will be getting underway. Our churches in Kansas are being asked to raise $117,000.00 as our share in the $7,500,000.00 national goal. Further progress will be made in the establishing of the United Church of Christ here in Kansas. The expanding needs of our State Conference and mission boards must be met. Grave decisions regarding the testing of nuclear weapons must be made in the light of Christ's spirit.

In the books of Acts there is a story of Jesus talking with his disciples. They ask him," Lord, will you at this time restore the Kingdom?" Jesus replies. "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

As we deal with the opportunities that are before us, may we continually remind ourselves:

"Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today."

Poppe's To Leave Russell

The Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell, resigned April 7 to accept a call to start a new church in Sioux Falls, S. D. The Poppe's came to Russell eight years ago from Wellington, Ohio. Their daughter Tanis, now eight years of age, was a tiny baby when they moved to Russell. Mark has just turned six.

It would be impossible to enumerate their many accomplishments in the Russell-Gorham parish. The new church plant at Russell was dedicated in 1952 and the new parsonage with religious education annex was dedicated in 1956. Both are well arranged, highly functional buildings; the parsonage is one of the finest in the state. Both are air-conditioned and the sanctuary was the first in our Kansas fellowship to have this improvement.

Organization of the Gorham Church was completed early in Mr. Poppe's ministry and a church building was constructed and dedicated. Both churches have shown marked progress in all phases of their program. Memberships have been built up, and attendance has greatly increased.

Mr. Poppe has been very active in the program of the larger fellowship. He has served as Chairman of Evangelism and of Ministers' Convocation and been a member of the Stewardship and Christian Education committees. He was director of the first Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference last fall, is Western P. F. sponsor and has given leadership in camps and rallies. Mrs. Poppe has been active in the Women's Fellowship and in Christian Education.

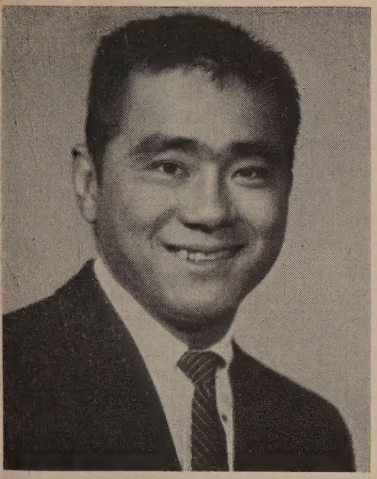
The Hans Poppe's will be greatly missed in our Kansas family, but we wish them the best in their new and challenging venture.

Sabetha To Celebrate Its Centennial

On Sunday afternoon, June 1, members of the Sabetha congregation, with their minister, Rev. Duane Ogden, will make a pilgrimage to nearby Albany Cemetery to dedicate a granite marker.

Albany was settled in Kansas territory before Sabetha was founded. Eighteen early settlers established a Congregational Church there under the leadership of Roswell D. Parker, one of the "Kansas Band." The community and church flourished until the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad came thru Sabetha, two miles south. It was not long until most of the residents had moved to the railroad, and Albany disappeared. In 1873, by vote of the church, it was merged with the younger and smaller congregation at Sabetha. The merged church was chartered under the name of First Congregational Church of Sabetha, with its founding date and place as 1858 in Albany.

The Centennial Celebration will be September 26-28 and October 9.



Dan H. Horiucki

Missions Are People

A young Japanese-American who grew up in a Buddhist home, with no personal contact with the Christian faith until five years ago, has been appointed an educational associate missionary by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and was introduced at the State Conference by his minister the Rev. Steve Williams.

Dan H. Horiuchi, 27, an outstanding athhlete at Emporia State, where he majored in physical education, will teach that subject at the American School in Tarsus, Turkey. Mr. Horiuchi will receive his M.A. in physical education this spring.

Born in Honolulu, the Hawaiian Islands in 1930, Mr. Horiuchi attended high school in Honolulu and, after 4 years in the US Army entered Emporia State. Here he distinguished himself both as a student and an athlete. In his last year he was president of the senior class and co-captain of the football team.

In 1957 he taught mathematics at Royster Junior High School in Chanute, Kansas, but his heart was set on Christian service and he made it known to the American Board that he would like to be considered for appointment as a missionary.

The school at Tarsus, where Mr. Horiuchi will teach, was founded in 1887. Its teaching staff consists of 12 full time and 14 part-time teachers about evenly divided between Turks and Americans. Roughly two-thirds of the 220 students board at the school. Because of limitations of space and facilities, only about 35 of the 300 young people who annually seek to enroll in the beginning class can be admitted.

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Our Kansas Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Philip A. Brink of the Philippine Mission announce the birth of a son, James Edward Dayoan on Feb. 16 in Davao City. The Brink family will be home on furlough this summer.

Dr. Earle H. Ballou, head of our Congregational Christian Service Committee reports that they could use a great deal more Multi-Purpose Food for hungry people in our various centers abroad. Three cents furnishes the nutrition for one meal. This is a good project for your Daily Vacation Bible Schools.. If you want more information about it, write Dr. Ballou at the Congregational Christian Service Center, 110 E. 29th, New York City.

Many groups in Kansas have sent reading matter to the Thelins in the Philippines. They are now returning to USA for retirement. Taking over is a young agriculturist from Montana, Dick Fagan. He writes: "Last week at our Annual Conference I gave out all the Readers Digests and other magazines we have received lately, and

you should have seen the people go for them. They really like to have things to read, and any books or magazines you send our way will really find a home with appreciation here."

The schools in the Philippines are taught in English, so they can use children's books in English also. This is another good project for your children. Teen-agers can get a pen pal. The address is: Southern Christian College, Midsayap, Cotabato, Mindanao, The Philippines.

Robin Markham, son of Veazie Markham and grandson of Henry Markham, both known in Congregational circles in Kansas, is a missionary of the American Board in Angola, Africa. He, with his wife and four little daughters, will be home on furlough this summer, and will be spending the year at Iowa State at Ames. Kansas Congregational churches ought to be able to get some of his time.

Good Used Clothes Can Save Lives!

HOUSECLEANING! Yes, please remember that good clothes and shoes, men's, women's and children's; bedding, you can do without, and new material you'll never get made up, are desperately needed by people overseas. Church World Service, agency for Major Protestant denominations needs 8,000,000 pounds of used clothing, good bedding and new materials packed this spring and ready for winter. If you have no good clothing, warm bedding, nor new material to give, you have the privilege of contributing to the $800,000 necessary to send what others give. Send materials or money to Church World Service, 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Take pleasure in your housecleaning, keeping the flimsy dresses and high heeled shoes for the children's dress up parties!

Installations

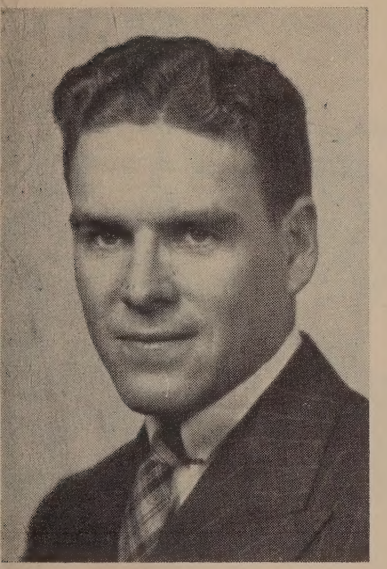
The Rev. George K. Dreher was installed as minister of the Concord Congregational Church in Wichita on May 4th. The examining council met at the Church Center at 3 p.m. and this was followed by fellowship and refreshments. The service of installation was held at 5 p.m. allowing the guests to be free to attend the Kansas Council of Churches annual meeting at 7:30. The sermon was brought by the Rev. George Ogden Kirk. Others participating were: Elmo Paff, Karl Kroenlein, Clarence Kilde, Merton Rymph, Homer K. Shafer, Percy Shue and L. M. Rymph.

Southern Association will also sponsor an Installation Service for the **Rev. Robert J. Herman** as Minister of Christian Education of Plymouth Church, Wichita. The service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 25. Dr. F. W. Schroeder, President of Eden Theological Seminary will give the sermon. Others who have been asked to participate are: Homer K .Shafer, A. H. Bartter, Martin Ernst, Stanley Sickel and Sup't L. M. Rymph.

Soil Stewardship Service

The Rev. Dan Tyson, minister of the Smith Center—Athol parish in north central Kansas has served as Co-Chairman for this unusual observance on May 11 at Smith Center. The service, scheduled for Higley Field at 8 p.m. on Mother's Day will be addressed by the Honorable Clifford R. Hope, U.S. Representative from Garden City.

Mr. Tyson writes: "Not mother, but mother earth will be honored in this service designed to acknowledge dependence on Divine Providence in the agricultural enterprise, to bless the soil and the seed, to dedicate the farmer to his vocation and to honor the rural way of life."



Charles Armstrong - New President

Laymen's Fellowship

Following a dinner at the Conference Parsonage on Sunday, April 13, officers of the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship laid plans for their work. Present were: Ralph Ewing, Ed Crans, Al Miville, Charlie Glenn, Charles Armstrong, Chester Bidleman, Sup't and Mrs. L. M. Rymph.

Business included plans for promotion of lay attendance at State Conference, Promotion of La Foret Conference August 10-16, program and leadership for Fifth Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop, Laymen's Observance October 19 and attendance at C.S.A. Citizenship Conference in June.

New State Officers

At the Laymen's Meeting in Topeka on April 26 the following state officers were elected: Mr. Charles Armstrong of Muscotah, President, Mr. Charles Gunn of Great Bend—Vice President, and Tsuneo Tajima of Topeka First —Secretary-Treasurer. Names were presented by Chester Bidleman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and elected for a two year term.

Churchmanship Workshop

Wichita Plymouth has extended an invitation to the laymen to hold their Fifth Annual Churchmanship Workshop at their church in September. The dates are not yet definite but will be Sept. 13 and 14 or 20 and 21.

Citizenship Conference

Sponsored by C. C. and E. & R. laymen and the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church, a National Conference on "The Churchman as a Citizen" will be held June 20-22, preceding the General Council, at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Penn.

The following laymen elected as delegates to G. C. have been invited to attend this meeting designed to develop a clearer understanding of the Christian role in civic and political life: A. C. Hale of McPherson, Gordon Jones and Al Pearson of Wichita Fairmount, Orval Reeves of K. C. Welborn, Eugene Smith of Wichita Plymouth and George Baxter Smith of Lawrence Plymouth.

The laymen's Fellowship is offering a $25.00 scholarship to the first four delegates who send word that they can attend. The college is not far from the Valley Forge exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Following this meeting many laymen will plan to attend the one-day United Nations Seminar in New York on Monday, June 23. Both meetings will add a rich and rewarding experience for all who attend.

Lawrence Building Completed

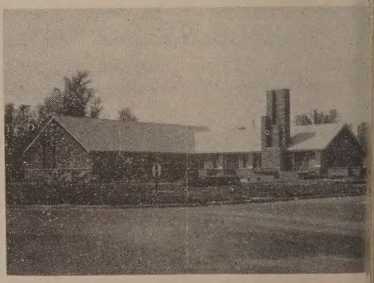
Dedication of the North unit, known as "North Church," on April 20 marks the completion of a thirty month building program at Lawrence Plymouth.

It all started when a destructive fire swept thru the three story Parish House and damaged the sanctuary during the early morning hours of September 10, ,1955. A three year improvement program, just completed, had put the church plant in good condition.

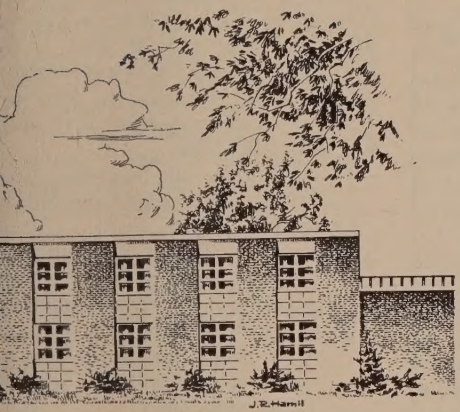
Adequate insurance minimized the great loss with settlement for loss of building and contents totalling more than $102,000. A Building campaign netted more than $107,000.00 in pledges. Additional property north of the church was purchased, an architect secured, plans for rebuilding the south unit were approved and floor plans for the north unit were drawn up. The south unit of the church was completed in time for use in the fall of 1956.

During the summer of 1956 the balcony was enlarged at an estimated cost of $25,000.00, making 250 additional seats available for the large attendance at Sunday morning worship.

Building of the north unit was delayed due to "tight" money, but a loan from an insurance company and a small loan from the Building Society made it possible for the church to proceed. This spacious two story unit known as "North Church" cost $185,000.00. On



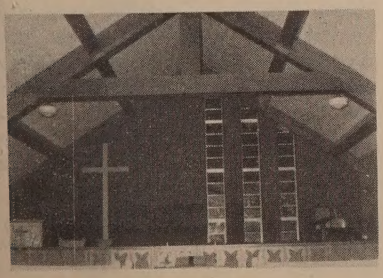
Kiowa Church



Kiowa To Dedicate

Dedication Sunday, the message was brought by Dr. Stanley U. North of the Board of Home Missions with Superintendent L. M. Rymph offering the prayer of Dedication.

The completion of this stupendous project costing $350,000.00 stands as a great tribute to the Rev. Dale Turner, minister, to Carl B. Althaus, Chairman of the Building Committee, and to the people of Plymouth Church.



Kiowa Sanctuary

A Building Program which has extended over the past 15 months will be culminated with fitting services on June 1st. The Dedication will be combined with a Home-Coming with former members and ministers participating in the program. The Rev. T. Merton Rymph of Wichita Pilgrim will bring the message at the three o'clock dedication service.

The building of Arkansas limestone and brick construction was started in January 1957. The first service was held in the sanctuary on March 23, 1958. In addition to the sanctuary, the new building has full basement and a religious education wing on the ground floor.

It replaces a frame structure which had served the church for 53 years.

The Rev. Floyd Sibley is Minister and Bud Humphrey has served as Chairman of the Building Committee.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

"Beginning"

Any beginning is an auspicious moment. Mankind likes beginnings. This month our Kansas Women's Fellowship is beginning a new year and some of the officers are beginning new terms. A new year, whether it be in January or May, opens up a fresh new page of oportunities, possibilities and responsibilities for true Christian service.

If the women of our churches are to feel that the work of women in the church is as interesting and worthwhile as other activities, we must be well informed as to what the church stands for and what it is doing. Never before in the history of man has it been so imperative for Christians to witness for their Lord by action as well as by faith. The possibilities for service in the church are unlimited. The needs of our denomination are as varied as the talents of the women who make up each fellowship.

Perhaps there is nothing more important for us to accomplish during this year of 1958-59 than our cooperation with other Christian forces for a Christian World at peace. With all the tensions of race; the frictions of nations; the disputes, especially those over atomic energy; moral laxity; juvenile delinquency; and the unrest of so many people, it is highly important that we as Christian women really lay aside all prejudices and work together to gain a world, stable and secure. In order to do this, we must be informed. Therefore, we need to read and study our church literature, attend church and attend regularly the meetings of our local fellowship.

This year our theme, "What Doth the Lord Require?" challenges each one of us to do something. Before we act, however, we will want to know some of the things that can be done. Our National Women's Fellowship adopted the following emphasis for 1958-59. They are recommended for us by state and local fellowships.

1: To enrich our spiritual lives through meditation and Bible study.

2: To cultivate and implement our Christian concern for racial integration in church and housing.

3: To assist all efforts to prepare young people for Christian vocations and to recruit for specific church vocations.

4: To gain a new perspective on the needs of older adults and to develop programs for meeting those needs.

All of these emphasis are most significant parts of the church program. As church women, we should meet squarely the challenge that these emphasis put before us. We should read, plan together, and exchange ideas, then do something.

As workers, we should have something like a tool to help us meet the challenge. The new manual that the National Women's Fellowship has published this year is just the right tool. "It points the way, outlines the goals, gives suggestions, and lists the helps available." Each local officer should have a copy of this manual to study and comprehend.

In this tool is the outline for the six departments of work. These are not "air-tight" compartments, but rather fields of interest and concern. The activities within these fields often overlap, and it may be a little difficult

for the uninitiated to understand.

The Manual describes specific responsibilities of chairmen and committees, the inter-relation of all the departments of work and their relationship to the total church program. It contains a section devoted to leadership education. The new Manual adapts itself to meet the requirements of the fast-developing and expanding program of our Women's Fellowship.

Beginnings! Our future course and our accomplishments will depend largely on what sort of beginning we make. Shall we all begin by getting a copy of the new Manual of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women? The address is 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Illinois, and the cost is only thirty-five cents a copy.

Myrtle K. Graves (Mrs. Roscoe W.)

TO ALL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN KANSAS

COME TO RETREAT

At

McPHERON COLLEGE

McPherson, Kansas

June 3-4-5

It's time to mail your reservations for Retreat to the treasurer, Mrs. Gerald A. (Alta) Ogleby, 1112 Topeka Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

Please include $5.00 with each person's registration. The cost of Retreat is $10.00. You may send the entire amount if you wish, but we must have at least $5.00 with each individuals registration. The other $5.00 can be paid when you arrive in McPherson. Refunds will be made in full if you find you have to cancel and let Mrs. Ogleby know before May 24.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Miss Alice Reynolds
Mrs. Emma Baldridge
By Great Bend Fellowship

Miss Ella Strong
Mrs. Hallie Baird
Mrs. Ella Kissick
Mrs. Carrie McCormick
Mrs. Jennie McCormick
By Mt. Hope Fellowship

Mrs. Catherine Gonzales
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Miss Jessie Lewis
By Onaga Fellowship

Mrs. D. D. Denver
By Milford Fellowship

Mrs. Milton Hawley
Mrs. George Smith
By Seneca Fellowship

Mrs. Kate Rebstein
Mrs. Pearl Chapman
Mrs. Caroline Brooks
Mrs. Lydia Green
By Wichita Plymouth Fellowship

Mrs. Lelia Normington
By Topeka Seabrook Fellowship

Mrs. J. P. O. Graber
By Hutchinson Fellowship

Retreat begins with registration at ten o'clock at Doutzour Hall on Tuesday, June 3. It will end with a Friendship Circle on the lawn after lunch on Thursday, June 5.

Mrs. Roscoe (Myrtle) Graves of Emporia, our newly-elected president of Women's Fellowship of Kansas, is general chairman.

A wonderful program is planned, with our guest leaders, the Rev. Leila Anderson, our Pilgrim Circuit Rider; and Lucille Frost, Assistant Executive Secretary of the National Women's Fellowship.

Lucille Frost will come to us at McPherson fresh from conducting the Southern Tour, so she'll be able to bring us the very latest information about the interesting places visited by that group. Her personality is a sunny one. She radiates pep and enthusiasm.

Retreat will be Christian Education at its best, because Leila Anderson is top-notch in her field. We are eager for a chance to inspect the fabulous station wagon that is her home, and in which she travels thousands and thousands of miles over this land. It is equipped with facilities for cooking, sleeping and studying. She brings her library right with her. And we know you will want to meet her parakeet named Peter Piper who travels with her.

You'll need to bring these things: Cool comfortable clothing, a stole or sweater or light jacket, a Bible, pillow and pillow case, sheets, blanket, towel, soap, toothbrush, your questions and ideas, $2.00 for each packet your Women's Fellowship wants you to take home, some money of your own for soft drinks and books, a Communion offering, a desire to have fun, to learn, to make friends, and a loving heart.

Your minister has a copy of the registration blank. Ask him to put your name on it as well as his wife's. Get others to come, too. If he can't find his blank, write to me and I'll send you one. Retreat is a must for an officer of a Women's Fellowship. She will learn know-how for her job, get inspiration to point the way, and find friends who share her task.

But best of all, there's commitment to be found at Retreat. And God will be there. If you truly seek Him, you will surely find Him.

Mrs. Charles (Elizabeth) Gunn
3009-16th St.
Great Bend, Kansas

The Woman's Gift

Over the 19 year period since the 1939-40 report, the Kansas Woman's Gift (earlier known as Thank Offering) has increased from $349.00 to an all time high in 1957-58 of $6,579.79. Every year has shown an increase, but this years was the greatest—a total of $1,065.04. Eighteen fellowships increased their gift by 50% or more. The cumulative total of the gifts over the 19 year period is $57,858.10.

Eighth Annual La Foret Conference

This is an informal week-long program for single men and women and couples who desire to enjoy fine fellowship with interesting people, to deepen their spiritual life and train for more effective churchmanship. Sponsored jointly by C.C. and E. & R. lay organizations, the program of worship, workshops, interest groups, fun and fellowship will feature outstanding leaders.

Sixteen miles northeast of Colorado Springs in the magnificent setting of giant Ponderosa pines, with famous Pikes Peak in full view to the west, you will have an exhilarating experience. Wonderful meals, lodging in rustic cabins, heated swimming pool, invigorating air—all for $28.50 per person for the week. The program is adult centered, but whole families may attend.

The dates are August 10-16. Make plans now to attend.

Pilgrim Fellowship News

Joint Youth Council

National Council plans have had to be changed due to Uncle Hans Poppe leaving the state. He had planned to take our delegates to N. Y. City for the sessions to be held at Union Seminary June 20-26.

We are very glad to be able to announce that Uncle Ray Gill of Anthony has agreed to accept the position as Adult Delegate for Kansas and will take our four youth delegates in his new Ford station wagon.

Kansas delegates are: Kent Thompson, Kay Camp, Roger Poppe, and Barbara Cole. They were all present in Wichita on April 25 and 26 when a Pre-Session was held under the leadership of Miss Ethel Shellenberger of the E. & R. National Youth Office in Philadelphia. Uncle Ray Gill attended also, missing the first two days of the State Conference. C.C. and E. & R. delegates from Missouri and the Central South were also present.

Boys Wanted!

For the Wabaunsee Work Camp June 15-28. Thirteen young people are registered, but more boys are needed. This is a great way to invest part of your summer. Write Rev. Louis Poppe, Director for further information.

Information Please

Attention Ministers and Sponsors! If you have young people attending Work Camps or special Summer Projects in this country or overseas, won't you please send word to the Conference Office? Give us their names, the place they are going and the project. We would like to give them recognition, keep in touch with them and hear reports when they return.

ATTENTION

KANSAS PILGRIMS

Planning and Training

Conference

August 26-29

at

DOANE COLLEGE

Crete, Nebraska

P.F. OFFICERS AND SPONSORS

From Every Church

GUEST LEADER

Rev. Ed Powers of Boston

Inspiration Study Fellowship

Camp Guests

Scarcely had the ink dried on our Wa-Shun-Ga folder when a phone call from Boston informed us that Rosy Slavakoff could not be with us. But Garabed Suvajian will be our guest at the three June camps. Let's hope he can give us a simpler name!

He is originally from Beirut Lebanon, but has lived in Aleppo, Syria. He is a graduate of Aleppo College, American University of Beirut, the Near East School of Theology and Hartford School of Religious Education. He has visited in Turkey, Palestine and other Middle East and European countries. He likes music and can lead singing.

At the first Junior Hi Camp our own Miss Alice Huggins will be the missionary guest. She will make Our Christian World Mission come alive for all attending that camp. See you at Wa-Shun-Ga.

Manhattan Church Library

"The church is the one institution in our society which is primarily concerned with the development of Christian personality. Therefore, a collection of materials that will help individuals to live as Christians, should be a vital part of each church's trust." These words by Christine Buder in her book, "How to Build a Church Library" express a challenge with unlimited possibilities for Christian service.

For several years the need for organizing a Library in our Manhattan Church was felt by some of our Church School woorkers, and last year this project was begun. I have been asked to write something about our procedure.

Space, Equipment and Supplies

The amount and kind of equipment and supplies is determined by the space available and the need of the individual church. We have used a large hallway for our Resource Center. Here books and magazines are always accessible. Included in the unit are bookshelves, a counter for sorting, a three drawer vertical file for ephermeral material and audio-visual scripts, and some storage space for filmstrips, supplies and miscellaneous. We need to add a peg board periodical rack and a bulletin board. Approximately $125.00 was spent for construction and the initial supplies.

Book Selection

So far most of the books in our library are those which have been accumulating over the years. Now they can all be kept in one place. However, each quarter a few new books are added from those suggested in the Pilgrim Press curriculum, from the "Adventures in Reading" list, and from Book reviews.

Some system of classifying books by subject is necessary. We use a simplified Dewey Decimal classification. However, for a small library, a librarian can work out some simple system, such as marking all books on Religious Education with an "RE", books about prayer with "P", etc. Details for cataloging books are given in the publications I mention at the end of the article.

Publicity

Books sitting on the shelves, are of little value, so, advertising the library is one of the most important tasks of a librarian and a library committee. This can be done through conversation, book displays, posters, bulletin board, news items, book reviews, talks to groups, etc.

Anyone who is interested in organizing a church library will find these publications very helpful:

"How to Build a Church Library" by Christine Buder, Bethany Press, St. Louis—$1.00

"Your Church Library", National Council of Churches, Div. of Christian Education, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., 25 cents.

"Organization of the Small Library" Gaylord Brothers, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y. Free.

"A Church Needs a Library" by Virgil E. Foster. (In his, "How a Small Church Can Have Good Christian Education" Chapter X) Harper Brothers, N.Y. $2.00

Henrietta Ameel (Mrs. D. J.)

New Audio Visual Material

The Conference Office has a number of new sound filmstrips and recordings on the new study themes; "The Middle East" and "North American Neighbors." Will list in June issue.

State Conference - 1958

The comfortable, spacious, attractive well equipped plant at Topeka Central, the fine spring weather, the well planned program, the outstanding leadership, and the warm hospitality of the host church—all combined to make the 1958 Annual Meeting one of the greatest in history.

We will long remember the inspiring music by the choirs, the words of wisdom spoken by Drs. Hoskins and Gray, the highlights of the sectional meetings, the gracious way in which Dan Hopkins our Moderator presided, the good humor and fine fellowship which prevailed from beginning to end.

For the record, there were 235 delegates, 53 alternates and 68 visitors who registered. Many attended who did not register. Attendance at meals ranged from 175 to 303. More than 750 attended the Sunday morning worship service.

State Conference - 1959

The dates are April 24, 25 and 26. The Conference was delightful to accept the invitation of Wichita Plymouth to hold the sessions in their fine plant with the Rev. George Ogden Kirk as host pastor. Under the guidance of the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones who was unanimously elected as Moderator for the coming year, we look forward to an outstanding session in 1959.

On To Purdue!

August 19-22, 1958 in Lafayette, Indiana ,on the beautiful campus of Purdue University the first joint National Christian Education Conference will be held. Anyonoe interested in any phase of Christian Education will find help and inspiration at this Conference.

Official delegates representing the three Kansas Associations are: Mrs. Perc Rayl and Mrs. F. C. Lanning for Eastern; Mrs. Paul Heide and Rev. Clarence Kilde for Southern; Mrs. John Becker and Mr. Chris Hildenbrand for Western. Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Conference C. E. Assistant, and Mrs. Kenneth Martin will lead Study Groups.

Others in the state planning to attend who would be interested in a car pool or a chartered bus, should write Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Lenora, Kansas.

Christian Education Workshop

Don't forget that Kansas Church School teachers of all age groups are invited to participate in the C. E. Workshop at La Foret, August 24-30. Whole families may attend as a program is arranged for children. For details write Mrs. Georgeson.

Greater Kansas City

Eight churches in Greater Kansas City have named a committee on Christian Education to set up Church School Pilgrim Series Pre-Views. Kansas representatives on the committee are Mrs. Kenneth Martin and the Rev. W. Dieter Flemming. The next Pre-View will be held May 18 at our Colonial Church in Prairie Village.

Telling The Story

Our Centralia Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Harold Sturman carried out the Pilgrim Series All-Church Project in a very successful way. The program resulted in a Second Mile gift to OCWM of $93.11 and also furnished missionary education and inspiration for all who participated.

A Boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong of Muscotah announce the arrival of Gregg Matthew on April 21st. Gregg's daddy is president of Kansas Laymen and his Mother is on the Women's Board.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

One Great Hour Receipts

Anthony	$ 83.63
Carbondale	42.00
Emporia First	205.49
Eureka	111.06
Ford	38.35
Garden City	66.86
Gaylord	9.60
Gorham	52.71
Great Bend	95.15
Haven	86.57
Independence	81.65
K. C. First Pilgrim	87.52
K. C. Rosedale	56.20
K. C. Ruby	18.86
K. C. Welborn	50.11
Kinsley	35.80
Lawrence Plymouth	344.40
Leavenworth	18.45
Little River	45.83
McPherson	113.44
Manhattan	106.55
Mount Hope	58.66
Olive Hill	11.00
Onaga	27.10
Osborne	130.55
Ottawa	40.51
Partridge	91.58
Plevna	57.29
Seneca	21.80
Smith Center	43.97
Stanley	88.45
Topeka Central	680.07
Topeka First	$265.52
Topeka Seaman	85.00
Udall	10.00
Wakefield	85.00
Wheaton	20.50
Wichita Concord	17.05
Wichita Fairmount	168.36
Wichita Mayflower	11.75
Wichita Plymouth	851.01

Penner's Leave Sedgwick

The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Penner who have given leadership at Sedgwick for the past two and one half years have resigned. They have moved to Newton where both of them will have part-time work to make it possible for Mr. Penner to continue his studies at Bethel College.

Plans For Retired Folks Home

Announcement of plans to build a Congregational-Christian Home for retired people in southwest Topeka within the next five years has been made by the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, of Central Church, Topeka. The project is prompted by the donation of 10 acres of land by Mr.and Mrs. Roy Engler for this purpose. The grant, made thru Central Church, specifies a home for retired persons is to be built on the site. A non-profit corporation is being set up to develop the project.